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Sreenivasa Prasad passes away

He was 6-time MP and 2-time MLA

Last rites with State honours at Ashokapuram in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.29 (RK&DM)- Chamarajanagar MP and senior BJP leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad, who had also served as a Union Minister of State in Atal Bihari Vajpayee Cabinet, passed away at Manipal Hospital on Airport Road in Bengaluru in the wee hours of today following brief illness. He was 76.

Prasad was admitted to Manipal Hospital on Apr. 22 and was undergoing treatment for swelling of legs and kidney ailment. But he breathed his last in the Hospital.

He leaves behind his wife Bhagyalakshmi, three daughters — Prathima, wife of Devaraju, an IRS Officer; Poornima, wife of former Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan and Poonam Prasad, wife of Dr. Mohan — and scores of admirers and followers.

Prasad's body was brought from Bengaluru by road to his residence at 7th Main, Jayalakshmipuram, at around 7.30 am today and was kept for public viewing till 1 pm.

Later, his mortal remains were taken to NTM (New Type Model) Government School (also called as Maharani Kempananjammanni School) located opposite Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Park in Ashokapuram, where it will be kept till tomorrow morning for the public to pay their last respects.

Last rites will be conducted in the premises of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Cultural Trust located behind Ratna Talkies (now non-existent) opposite Silk Factory on Manandavadi Road in Ashokapuram, with full State honours.

Venkataiah Sreenivasa Prasad
Born: 6.8.1947 Died: 29.4.2024

Upon learning of Prasad's demise, many political leaders including MLAs G.T. Devegowda, T.S. Srivatsa and C. Puttarangashetty, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, writer Devanur Mahadeva, former MP Kagalawadi M. Shivanna, leaders C. Basavegowda, Purushotham, Narayan and others visited his Jayalakshmipuram residence and paid their last respects.

Condolences pour in

Condolences have been pouring in from across the City, State and the country, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and a host of other leaders sending their condolence messages.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah condoled his former colleague MP Sreenivasa Prasad's death thus: ***"The departure of the leader who lived the struggle against injustice and inequality is a big setback for the political struggle for social justice in the State."***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his condolence message stated: ***"Sreenivasa Prasad was a champion of social justice, having devoted his life to the welfare of the poor, downtrodden and marginalised. He was very popular for his works of community service."***

[See also Page 7]

MLA G.T. Devegowda pays last respects

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda paying last respects to the departed Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at the latter's residence in Jayalakshmipuram this morning.

CM Siddaramaiah to arrive in city this evening

Mysuru, Apr. 29- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was a long associate of MP Sreenivasa Prasad, will be arriving in the city this evening to pay his last respects to the departed leader.

The CM, who is on an election campaign in Northern Karnataka, will arrive at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli, by a special flight from Torangal in Ballari district at 6.15 pm and drive straight to Ashokapuram to pay his last respects to Prasad. He will later fly back to Bengaluru at 7.15 pm, according to an official schedule of the Chief Minister.

It may be mentioned here that Siddaramaiah had paid a visit to the residence of Prasad in Jayalakshmipuram recently and enquired about his health. Even BJP veteran and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had visited his home on Apr.14, when the former CM invited Prasad to attend PM Modi's public rally, which however, Prasad declined.

Many other top leaders from across political parties including State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra are expected to arrive in city this evening or tomorrow morning to pay their last respects to the MP.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Monday 29th April 2024

Understanding Autism: Parent Training Seminar at 'Putta Hejje' Centre

Mysuru, Apr. 29- Putta Hejje, Early Intervention Centre, an initiative by Asha Kirana Hospital, Mysuru, aims to provide essential therapeutic support to families with children experiencing Developmental Delay. Since its establishment in Dec. 2018, it has assisted over 600 families dealing with conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Global Developmental Delay, Autism, and other neuro-muscular challenges.

April is recognised globally as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, with World Autism Day observed on Apr. 2 each year. Autism is a developmental disability and individuals with Autism have difficulty in communication, socialisation, imagination and sensory processing. The prevalence of Autism in India has seen a steady rise, yet many parents remain uninformed about the condition and its management. So it is essential for parents to have an understanding of the condition and how it impacts their child.

In line with this commitment to parental support, a Parent Training Seminar 'Understanding Autism' is scheduled to take place at Putta Hejje, Asha Kirana Hospital on May 4 (Saturday) from 10 am to 4 pm.

Hema Jairam, a mother of a young adult with Autism and the Founder of We CAN, will share her over two decades of hands-on experience in working with children on the Autism spectrum during the seminar.

For details, interested parents may contact Mob: 98867-24132, according to Dr. Sashikala Ramnath, Director, Putta Hejje Centre, Hebbal, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

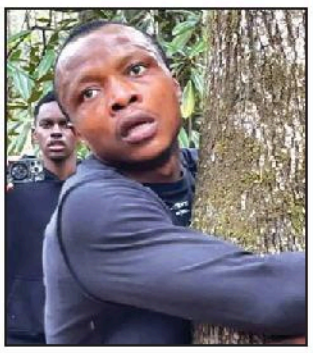
Most of us receive messages on ethics, moral values and good conduct on a daily basis on social media platforms. The more we are connected, the more the messages. And they are all free of cost. Looking at the frequency and the quantum of such messages, one would think that by now they would have transformed every reader into a better human being, but somehow that does not seem to be happening. Does it mean that these messages are not serving any purpose? Here we need to understand that these are only seeds which we need to grow to get the desired fruit. A story goes that a woman once dreamt that she walked into a mall and found God behind one of the counters. "What do you sell?" she asked. "Everything your heart desires," answered God. The woman decided to ask for the best things she could think of. "I want peace of mind, love, happiness, wisdom, and freedom from fear."

God smiled and said, "My dear, you have got me wrong. We don't sell fruits here, only seeds. You must be well aware that if the seed sprouts, grows, becomes a tree or a shrub, only then does it bear fruit which you want to have. Therefore, these seeds which I give you will have to be planted and nourished with your labour, dedication, spirit of service and love to yield fruit at the right time. It involves exploring love, compassion, empathy, altruism and truth. Most importantly, you ought to have a lot of patience, forbearance and capacity to face pains and absorb unanticipated problems. Even noble souls who have reached me, underwent self-cleansing and led lives of austerity and self-discipline. Always remember, no pain, no gain."

—Bhartendu Sood in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man hugs 1,123 trees in an hour for world record



Tepa: A Ghana man studying forestry in Alabama set a world record for most trees hugged in an hour when he hugged 1,123 trees at Tuskegee National Forest.

Abubakar Tahiru aged 29, became interested in nature conservation while growing up in a farming community in Tepa, Ghana. He is pursuing a master's degree in forestry at Auburn University.

The record attempt required that Tahiru wrap both of his arms around each tree in a close embrace without causing any damage to the trees. No tree could be hugged more than once, requiring Tahiru to move quickly between each hug.

Averaging 19 trees per minute, Tahiru easily surpassed the minimum requirement of 700 trees to establish the record.

Golden retriever gives birth to lime green puppy

Florida: A golden retriever puppy quickly gained fame online when she was born a colour far different from the breed's golden reputation - lime green.

Carole DeBruler, owner of Florida's Golden Treasures Kennel, posted videos of the puppy, named Shamrock on social media, where the cute canine quickly developed a following.

The unusual colour is the result of the puppy's fur being dyed by biliverdin, a green bile sometimes found in the wombs of mother dogs.

DeBruler said Shamrock's green colour has started to fade and she will likely be the breed's normal yellow colour within a few weeks.

The phenomenon has been documented before and isn't limited to golden retrievers. A Nova Scotia couple's bull dog puppy was born the same colour in 2022.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Calcium supplement causes renal stone

Fact: Calcium intake in moderation would prevent stone as it binds to oxalate and prevent its absorption in intestine.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K.A. - Consultant – Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Orientation, vaccination camp for Haj pilgrims tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (KS)- An orientation and vaccination camp for Haj-2024 pilgrims of Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts will be held tomorrow (Apr. 30) from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at RK Palace on Udayagiri Road in city, according to Secretary of Muslim Girls Orphanage Abdul Azeez Chand.

Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Zakaulla, Khateeb-O-Imam of Masjid-e-Firdose at Bannimantap and Hazarath Moulana Mufti Salman Ahmed, Mohtamin, Darul Uloom Siddiqia Arabic College, Mysuru, will deliver lectures on how to perform Haj and other details regarding visiting holy places such as Mecca, Madeena, Arafat, Muzalifa, Meena and other places.

MLA Tanveer Sait will be the chief guest. Sir Khazai of Mysuru Harazath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff will preside. After vaccination is administered, certificates will be issued to the pilgrims which is compulsory for all Haj pilgrims.

For details, contact Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed on Mob: 97417-89000, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **81.22 feet**	Today's level **2,260.05 feet**	Today's level **2,824.55 feet**
Last year's level **88.48 feet**	Last year's level **2,259.45 feet**	Last year's level **2,820.42 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,260.25 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,824.67 feet**
Today's Inflow **90 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **28 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **159cusecs**
Today's Outflow **571 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Butterflies taste with their feet.***
- ***Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from the blowing desert sand.***
- ***A snail can sleep for three years.***
- ***Earth contains enough gold to cover it.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *I will put this five rupee coin in this glass of water. Now Lilly, tell me whether it will dissolve or not?*

Lilly: *It won't mam.*

Teacher: *How are you so sure?*

Lilly: *Because if it will dissolve, you would never have put it in water !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= 83.44
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.50
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.72
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.41

VOICE OF THE READER

Pathetic state of Panchamantra Road, West First Cross

Sir,

The above image of Panchamantra Road, West First Cross, paints a stark picture of the road's cleanliness. Despite scheduled clean-ups by sanitation workers every or alternate Fridays, the condition remains appalling.

This situation presents a dismal display of neglect from both the Mysuru City Corporation and the residents.

The garbage truck tasked with collecting the accumulated waste last serviced this area on Jan. 24, 2024. Since then, heaps of garbage have piled up in the drain. Following my request, a tractor was dispatched by the local Health Inspector to clear the garbage in front of my house. However, due to the overwhelming amount of waste, the truck filled up before completing the task.

The supervisor informed me that the remaining garbage would be cleared at a later date. Meanwhile, residents from other areas, displaying lack of civic responsibility, continue to add to the mess by disposing of their refuse here. Adjacent to this dumping ground lies a large bungalow and a hospital, both of which contribute to the accumulation of waste, setting a poor example for others.

Furthermore, this road hosts a Government School where children struggle to navigate through the overflowing drain and piles of putrid garbage. While neighbouring roads have seen improvements such as paved footpaths, this particular stretch has been neglected. Despite aspirations to reclaim Mysuru's title as the 'cleanest city', it appears that this dream remains distant and unattainable

—Dr Y.N.I. Anand
Kuvempunagar
31.3.2024

Athletic track inaugurated at Silicon City Intl. School

Star of Mysore ***Managing Editor K.G. Vikram Muthanna inaugurated the athletic track, learning space and summer camp, at Silicon City International School on Lalithadripura Road in city this morning. School Secretary L. Ravi and Principal Dr. Deepti Chaturvedi were also present.***

Mysurean completes 'ISAN 2024 kms' endurance cycling event

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (MKP)- Siveej Kodapully Sivaraman, employed at BRBNMPL (RBI), Mysuru, holds the honour of being the only one from Mysuru to successfully complete the 'ISAN 2024 kms' ride — a long distance endurance LRM cycling event — organised by Audax Club ISAN.

The route is a loop across Northern Thailand (ISAN region) along the borders of Cambodia and Laos, 800 kms along the Mekong river. The cyclists had to endure extreme weather conditions and difficult terrains making this cycle ride an extreme sport which demands both mental and physical strength.

Siveej is an accomplished ultra-endurance cyclist, having cycled a distance of 26,566 kms since July 2022. He successfully completed the ISAN 2024 kms ride in 176 hours [The ride started on Apr. 26 and he completed it a day earlier on Mar. 2].

He had also completed the Paris–Brest–Paris (PBP) 1,200 kms ride in 87 hours in Aug., 2023.

Garbage dump site near educational institution

Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the escalating issue of a dump site near Vidyavardhaka College that demands urgent attention. For several months, the situation has deteriorated without any preventive measures taken by the authorities concerned.

The site is only cleared sporadically, allowing for the accumulation of waste and attracting stray animals, which further exacerbates the problem.

The scattered waste has transformed the area into an eyesore, despite its proximity to one of the city's premier educational institutions.

I am reaching out to this newspaper in the hopes that its intervention can bring about a resolution to this pressing issue.

—Sujan Saligram
Vijayanagar Railway Layout
17.4.2024

Wins medals in TT Championship

Mysuru, Apr. 29- Defending Champion B.R. Narendra won a silver medal at the Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (SKNSC) — Mysore Sports Club — Men's Table Tennis Championship 2024.

He has won a gold medal in Men's Doubles TT Championship. The Tournament was held on Apr. 28 at SKNSC premises.

B.R. Narendra

NEWS BRIEFS

Free Admission

Saptarshi Gurukula Sevashrama on KRS Road in Mysuru has invited applications to avail free hostel facility. Those interested in studying at the Ashram will be taught Veda and Sanskrit in traditional Gurukul system and those studying in Primary, High School and College will be provided free food and accommodation facility. For details, contact Ashram Peethadhyaksha Dr. Abhinava Ramanuja on Mob: 94813-19111 or 88615-73934.

Sri Ramotsava at Jayanagar

Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru, has organised various events as part of the 88th Annual Sri Ramotsava at Sri Rama Mandira in Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, 16th Cross from May 2 to 5, according to a press release.

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 29)

KKR Vs **DC**
Eden Gardens,
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Chaos at Brindavan Gardens musical fountain

Tourists manhandle staff; demand ticket money refund

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (MTY&BCT)- Tension prevailed within the Brindavan Gardens premises at the historic Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district last Saturday evening, triggered by a flash protest from tourists demanding a refund of their entry fee due to the non-functioning status of the renowned musical fountains.

Tempers flared as some annoyed tourists assaulted the staff physically. However, the situation was brought under control by the intervention of the Police.

On Saturday evening, a sizable crowd gathered at the Brindavan Gardens, drawn by the allure of the weekend and the musical fountains. The musical fountains, having undergone refurbishment and enhancement months before, stand as a prominent draw for tourists.

Hundreds of visitors, hailing from distant places and other States, specifically come to the KRS Dam after 3 pm, eagerly anticipating the spectacle of the dancing water fountains.

However, last Saturday, disappointment loomed as tourists, expecting the usual routine, found the fountains switched off though they were waiting for the fountains to be switched on as per the daily schedule. The staff at Brindavan Gardens refused to switch on the lights and were rude in their response when questioned, frustrated tourists said.

Later, amidst the tourists' protests, the staff briefly switched on the lights in the Garden for 15 minutes and operated the musical fountain intermittently, which only further agitated the tourists. By this time, frustrated tourists had already reached the main gate of KRS Dam, demanding a refund of their entry fee.

Amidst this commotion, some tourists, who were involved in a heated exchange with the ticketing staff, voiced their discontent. There were arguments between tourists and the staff regarding the refund process, escalating into a verbal confrontation.

Subsequently, some tourists even resorted to physical confrontation with the ticketing staff. Officials maintained that there was no distinct fee for accessing the musical fountain. Upon being informed, the KRS Police arrived at the scene and intervened to protect the staff members from being manhandled further.

Poor execution by staff blamed; tourists seek friendly atmosphere

Some tourists cited mismanagement and poor execution by the staff responsible for operating the musical fountain at the Brindavan Gardens as the cause of inconvenience.

Additionally, they noted that the operating staff are not adhering to the mandated schedule, for which tourists pay entry fees. Previously, the musical fountain used to operate at 6.30 pm, followed by a 10-minute break, before resuming.

However, last Saturday, after a 15-minute show, there was another 15-minute break, after which tourists were asked to leave as the show was over. This resulted in chaos at the musical fountain site.

Dissatisfied tourists expressed that the timing of the show and experience did not justify the entry fee. Considering this, it is imperative to revise the timing of the musical fountain, maintaining the previous schedule of a break between shows. Residents and tourists have emphasised the importance of creating a welcoming atmosphere for tourists visiting KRS Dam.

Body of 'Hakki Pikki' woman brought to Hunsur from Sudan

Nandini

Hanagod, Apr. 29- The body of a nomadic woman from Hakki Pikki community, who had gone to Sudan in Eastern Africa for business and died there, was brought to her native place Pakshirajapura village, Hanagod hobli in Hunsur taluk yesterday.

The deceased woman, identified as Nandini, a resident of 2nd Colony in Pakshirajapura, had gone to Sudan along with her husband two years ago for business, passed away there on Apr. 14 following illness. The residents of the village, who met former MLA H.P. Manjunath, had urged him to make arrangements to bring the body of Nandini to the village.

Manjunath, who responded positively, contacted Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Chief Secretary of Karnataka Rajneesh Goel, took steps to bring the body to the country. The State Chief Secretary also contacted the officials at the Indian Embassy in Sudan over the phone and had held discussions with them.

On Saturday morning, an aeroplane carrying the body of Nandini landed in Mumbai from where the body was brought to Pakshirajapura in an ambulance, which reached the village yesterday afternoon. Last rites were held yesterday evening in the presence of District Scheduled Tribes Welfare Officer Mallesh and Taluk Officials.

Meanwhile, the villagers and Nandini's family members have expressed their gratitude to former MLA H.P. Manjunath for extending help in brining the body of Nandini from Sudan to India.

Liquor store gutted

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (BLU&KS)- Liquor worth lakhs of rupees was gutted in a fire at a liquor store on New Sayyaji Rao Road in Bamboo Bazar here this morning.

At about 9 am today, thick smoke was seen emanating from Mysore Tiger liquor store by a few people who informed the staff over the phone.

The staff, who rushed to the spot, noticed fire inside the store and immediately informed Bannimantap Fire Station. Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who reached the spot, managed to extinguish the fire and prevented it from spreading further. But the fire had destroyed liquor worth lakhs of rupees by then.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

MP Prajwal Revanna booked in sex scandal; H.D. Revanna too named

SIT probe headed by ADGP B.K. Singh, Suman D. Pennekar and Mysuru SP Seema Latkar

Bengaluru, Apr. 29 (Agencies)- Hours after the Karnataka Government decided to establish a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to delve into the alleged involvement of JD(S) MP and Hassan candidate Prajwal Revanna in a sex scandal purportedly involving several women, a woman, in her Police complaint, also implicated his father H.D. Revanna, the Holenarasipura MLA and son of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, as an accused.

H.D. Revanna and Prajwal Revanna

Prajwal is reported to have left for Germany. The woman complainant informed the Holenarasipura Police that she chose to come forward and name Revanna and Prajwal after witnessing online testimonies from other victims recounting their experiences.

Describing her case, she asserted that the abuse occurred between 2019 and 2022.

Her complaint, along with others and the FIR filed against Prajwal, will be handled by the SIT, led by CID Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Bijay Kumar Singh. The team includes IPS officers Suman D. Pennekar and Mysuru SP Seema Latkar.

Amidst a political maelstrom, Revanna's brother and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy distanced the party from the issue. "Deve Gowda and I have always upheld the dignity of women. The State Government has initiated an SIT investigation, so let the findings be revealed. We will not shield anyone. Let the truth prevail," he stated.

Kumaraswamy acknowledged that the BJP at the Centre had alerted them about the video clips. "BJP leaders informed us about issues in the Hassan Lok Sabha segment and advised against fielding Prajwal Revanna. However, Deve Gowda assured them of victory there," he mentioned.

Kumaraswamy stated that if Prajwal has indeed travelled abroad, the Government, which has formed an SIT to investigate the videos, will bring him back, emphasising that the party has no involvement in the matter.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the Government's decision to establish an SIT following a letter from the State Commission for Women, which mentioned the involvement of influential politicians in soliciting sexual favours from women, with some even being raped.

Sexual video clips allegedly involving Prajwal Revanna surfaced on social media just three days before Hassan voted on Apr. 26. More than 2,000 pen drives were circulated across Hassan. Pen drives with more than 2,000 photos and videos were kept on bus seats, at bus stands and were given to people in public places like parks.

After a few hours, these were widely shared on WhatsApp. Many of the victims in the clips were said to be Government employees, some house helps and others from the unorganised sector.

One of the alleged victims, speaking to the media, accused Prajwal of sexual abuse and recording the incidents, stating that she came forward after learning about hundreds of women being exploited. She explained that it was challenging to confront the influential family in Hassan.

Hassan SP M.S. Mohammed Sujeetha confirmed that a case was registered based on a victim's statement. Holenarasipura Town Police registered a case under IPC Sections 354 (a) (sexual harassment), 354 (d) (stalking), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 509 (intending to insult the modesty of any woman).

Prajwal had obtained a Court injunction to restrain the media from circulating the videos, claiming they were doctored to tarnish his image before the elections. His polling agent M.G. Poornachandra Tejaswi filed a complaint, naming individuals who distributed the 'morphed' clips.

Youth stabbed in city

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (SPN&KS)- A youth was allegedly stabbed by a group of three miscreants over old rivalry near 101 Ganapathi Temple at Agrahara in city yesterday.

The victim has been identified as 24-year-old Kumar, a resident of Medarakeri.

Kumar, who had come near the Temple on some work, was being followed by three persons on a scooter, who reportedly stabbed him many times in a bid to kill him.

As Kumar screamed for help, the attackers fled from the spot leaving profusely bleeding Kumar behind. KR Police personnel, who rushed to the spot, shifted Kumar with the help of the public to a private hospital.

Based on the complaint from Kumar's parents, KR Police, who registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the three accused.

Elderly woman's chain snatched at Agrahara

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (SBD&KS)- An elderly woman lost her gold chain when a chain snatcher yanked it off when she was crossing the road at Agrahara Circle in city on Friday night.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 68-year-old M.V. Champakavalli, wife of Ramanujan, a resident of Thyagaraja Road, 2nd cross in city.

At about 9 pm on Friday, Chamkavalli, along with her daughter-in-law Lakshmi, had gone to a fruits and vegetables shop on the 3rd cross. After purchasing the desired quantity, Champakavalli was crossing the road to go to her daughter-in-law who was waiting on the other side of the road with her two-wheeler, when the chain snatcher, who came on a bike from Vani Vilas Double Road side, yanked off her 130-gram gold chain worth Rs. 5 lakh and sped away.

A few motorists, who heard Champakavalli scream for help, chased the chain snatcher, who sped away on the bike towards Ramaswamy Circle via Chamaraja Double Road. Public said that the chain snatcher was wearing a helmet and the bike did not have a number plate. KR Police have registered a case.

What a Waste!

Precious water going down the drain

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (MK&VNS)- Even as people in Mysuru and surrounding places face drinking water problems, a few people are wasting precious water despite authorities time and again requesting the residents to use water judiciously.

Incidents of people wasting gallons of water in the name of watering the plants in the garden and cleaning their courtyards are common in the city. People are even seen wasting drinking water using the same for washing their vehicles.

Currently, Mysuru is supplied with 300 MLD of water daily, drawn through different sources. Around 70-80 MLD is being wasted by washing courtyards and vehicles, not turning off the taps and leakages in the pipelines. Despite, Karnataka facing severe drought owing to monsoon failure, people involved in wasting water have attracted a lot of criticism from the informed citizens who have demanded authorities to impose hefty fines on those involved.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) should create awareness on judicious use of water along with informing about consequences for not following the instructions.

"Currently, the MCC is supplying water to households only for drinking purpose. The supply to commercial and non-domestic usage has been stopped. We have also initiated steps to prevent leakage of water in pipelines," said Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) Executive Engineer Ashwin.

He also said that action would be taken against those involved in wasting water. Ashwin has also informed the public to contact VVWW Control Room on Mob: 94498 41196 to complain about wastage of water.

Couple cheat Bank by producing fake documents and obtaining loan

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (SPN&KS)- Jayalakshmipuram Police have registered a case against a couple on charges of cheating a Bank by submitting fake documents and obtaining Rs. 1.25 crore loan.

The couple, against whom the case has been registered, are Kala and B. Sundaresh, residents of Vinayakanagar in city. The case was registered following a complaint from IDBI Bank Manager Savitha Umamani.

In her complaint, Savitha has stated that Kala and Sundaresh had opened a joint account in the Bank and in 2023, the couple, after submitting fake documents had obtained a total loan of Rs. 1.25 crore which was disbursed in two phases.

Bank Manager Savitha further stated in her complaint that the couple, who paid the instalments correctly for a few months stopped paying the same following which the Bank staff went to their house for inspection, during which the staff came to know that the couple had already pledged the house documents in a different Bank and had taken loan. The Bank staff also came to know that the other Bank had seized the house.

When the IDBI Bank staff cross verified the documents submitted by Kala and Sundaresh, they found that the documents were fake, following which Bank manager Savitha lodged a complaint at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station seeking legal action against the accused couple.

Obituary

R. Manju

Mysuru, Apr. 29- R. Manju (54), an employee of Vinayaka Developers and a resident of Kumbarakoppal, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kumabarakoppal Burial Grounds this morning, according to family sources.

Kodava family hockey: Chendanda Champions

Chendanda family, which emerged winners in the 24th Edition of the Kodava Hockey Festival 2024, organised by the Kundyolanda Family under the auspices of the Kodava Hockey Academy, seen with the trophy and the cheque for Rs. 4,00,000.

Team Nellamakkada, which settled for runners-up position, seen displaying the trophy and the cheque for Rs. 3,00,000.

Madikeri, Apr. 29 (PS&BCT)- The 24th Edition of the Kodava Hockey Festival 2024, organised by the Kundyolanda Family under the auspices of the Kodava Hockey Academy, concluded its month-long (Mar. 30 to Apr. 28) Hockey Carnival at the General Thimayya Ground at Napoklu Karnataka Public School in Kodagu district last evening.

The registration of 360 teams marked a historic milestone in the tournament's history, setting a new record for participation.

This year's tournament witnessed the Chendanda family emerging as champions. In a thrilling match between Nellamakkada and Chendanda, Chendanda clinched victory in a nail-biting tiebreaker, with a final score of 8-7.

The Chendanda team has now earned the prestigious title of Kodava Family Hockey Champions for the third time.

Somaiah from Nellamakkada was bestowed with the Man of the Match award. The goal scorers for Chendanda were Nikkin Thimmaiah in the 30th and 38th minutes, while Rohan scored for Nellamakkada in the 44th minute and Mac in the 54th minute.

The Kulletira family secured third place in the tournament by defeating the Kuppanda (Kaikeri) team with a score of 3-2. This match was also decided through a tiebreaker.

The victorious Chendanda team was awarded the rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 4 lakh, while the runners-up, the Nellamakkada team, received a trophy along with Rs. 3 lakh in cash. The third-place holder, the Kulletira team, was awarded Rs. 2 lakh in cash, and the fourth-place team, Kuppanda, received a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh.

Last evening, a crowd of over 30,000 witnessed the thrilling finale, packing the gallery to its brim. Hockey enthusiasts from across Kodagu as well as from places like Mysuru and Bengaluru stood under the hot sun to witness the matches.

Despite the searing heat, their enthusiasm remained undeterred. Originating in 1997 from the visionary insight of the late Pandanda Kuttappa, affectionately known as Kuttani, a former State league referee, the Kodava Hockey Festival has evolved from its humble beginnings with 60 teams to become a grand event managed under the auspices of the Kodava Hockey Academy.

Following the grand finale and prize distribution ceremony, traditional Kodava music filled the air and the crowd, including men, women and children adorned in traditional attire, danced to the beats, bringing the tournament to an exciting close.

The Kodava Hockey Family Cup has transformed the tradition of families coming together to play hockey into a vibrant celebration akin to a festival.

For the past 24 years, not only the Kodava community but the entire district's diverse populace, hockey enthusiasts and sports aficionados have eagerly awaited the unfolding of the Kodava Hockey Family Cup.

Kundyolanda Family Cup creates history

Earns Guinness World Record for largest field hockey tournament

The annual Kodava family hockey tournament, hosted this year by the Kundyolanda family, has made history by earning itself a Guinness World Record for being the largest field hockey tournament.

Originating in 1996 with just 60 teams, the festival has grown exponentially, boasting 360 teams participating this year with over 4,200 players, including men, women and children of all ages.

The achievement of this Guinness World Record is a testament to the dedication and passion of the Kodava Hockey Academy, which has elevated the Kodava hockey tournament to a global level.

The certificate from the Guinness Records Society was presented by Swapnil Dangarikar, official adjudicator and spokesperson for Guinness World Records based in London to Pandanda K. Bopanna, President of the Kodava Hockey Academy.

This year's tournament also featured various activities such as a food fair, financial literacy camp, health care camp and marathon, organised by the Kodava families, which garnered widespread attention.

II PU annual exam-2 begins in city and taluk centres

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (BLU&TRR)- The II PUC annual examination-2 for the year 2024 began this morning across the State. The exams will be held till May 16.

In Mysuru district, the exam is being held at 13 centres — 7 of them in city and the remaining 6 at various taluks.

A total of 8,674 students are appearing for the PU exam-2.

The Department of PU Education has made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the exam.

Officials deputed by the Department Chief Superintendent, Question Paper Custodian, Vigilance Staff and Flying Squads are monitoring the examination process to ensure they are conducted in an organised manner without any scope for malpractices.

Section 144 has been imposed 200 metres around all the exam centres and Xerox shops near the centres have been closed.

CESC has been instructed to ensure that there is no disruption in power supply during the examination hours.

Hand-made bamboo fans give tough fight to ACs, fans

Mysuru, Apr. 29 (PM&VNS)- In an era dominated by air conditioners, air coolers and electric fans, members of the Medar community have continued to rely on traditional handmade bamboo fans and other items for their livelihood.

Throughout the city, especially in locations like the 101 Ganapathi Temple in Agrahara, Pailwan Basavaiahna Nagar in Chennagirikoppal and the Medar Block in Bannimantap, one can find community members skilfully weaving fans, baskets, small flower baskets and mats out of bamboo.

Despite modernisation, Mysuru has remained steadfast in preserving its rich heritage and culture, ensuring that bamboo-made items remain in demand, particularly bamboo soops, which are highly sought after during the Gowri-Ganesha festival.

Moreover, handmade bamboo fans are still being used by people during power cuts to provide relief from the heat. With temperatures rising in Mysuru, there is a growing demand for these bamboo fans due to their portability and effectiveness in providing cooling comfort.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Siddu, an artisan, shared that he and his wife, Manjula, are involved in weaving various bamboo items throughout the year. Hailing from Nanjangud, they commute to Mysuru daily and set up near the 101 Ganapathi Temple. During the Gowri-Ganesha festival, their relatives join them in large numbers to help weave soops.

For the summer season, they specialise in weaving two types of fans: One with small bamboo sticks, priced at Rs. 40 each and the other with larger sticks, sold at Rs. 30 each.

Siddu mentioned that fans made with colourful bamboo sticks are available for Rs. 50

each and currently, they sell about 15 fans daily along with other bamboo items. However, he noted that sales are not substantial and they mostly see increased demand for bamboo items during wedding and festival seasons.

Siddu also highlighted that the bamboo business has been greatly affected by the dominance of plastic items in the market.

Family tradition

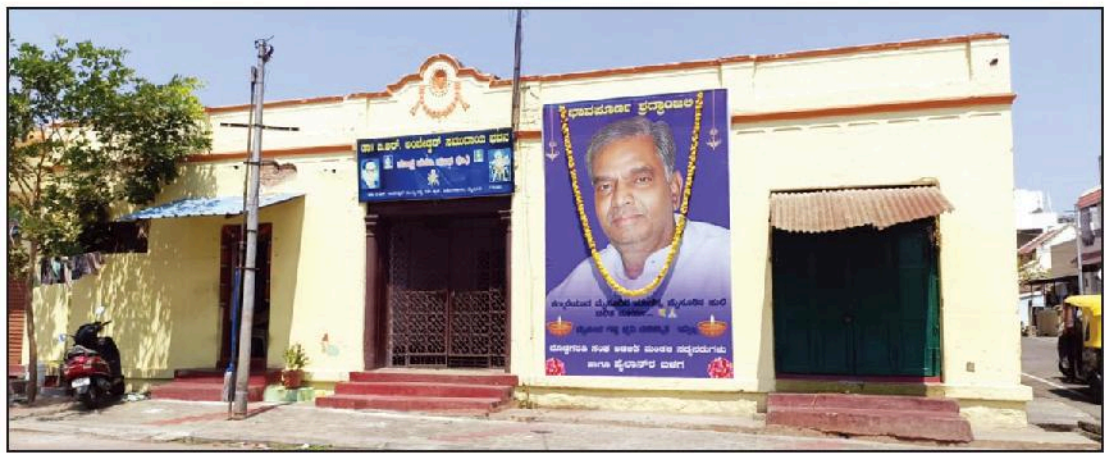
Pailwan Basavaiah Nagar in Chennagirikoppal, adjacent to Jayanagar, is home to approximately 40 families belonging to the Medar community, who are engaged in the bamboo business. These families weave various items using bamboo throughout the month and sell them in bulk once a month.

Members of the Medar community mentioned that they prioritise weaving fans during the summer months and soops during the Gowri-Ganesh festival. Additionally, they weave baskets, flower baskets, and fruit baskets based on seasonal demand.

They also receive requests from customers in Bengaluru and other districts for special fans to be woven for marriage events.

A TRIBUTE

The political journey of V. Sreenivasa Prasad



A huge flex of Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad pasted to the wall of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Samudaya Bhavan at Ashokapuram in city this morning to pay tribute to the departed leader.

Born to M. Venkataiah and D.V. Puttamma couple on Aug. 6, 1947, in Ashokapuram, V. Sreenivasa Prasad became a volunteer of Rashtriya Swayamasevak Sangh (RSS) from childhood until 1972 and was active in the then Jan Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishat (ABVP) for about 15 years, until he took a political plunge in 1974 .

Prasad had his primary education at Ashokapuram Government School and High School education at Sarada Vilas High School in Krishnamurthypuram. Later, he obtained B.Sc degree from Sarada Vilas College.

Prasad, one of the tallest Dalit leaders and an influential leader of the State, was a Congressman most of the time during his 5-decade-long political career that began in the 1970s. He was a 6-time Lok Sabha MP and a 2-time MLA.

After taking part in many public movements, campaigns and struggles, Prasad made his electoral debut in 1974 by-election held to K.R. Assembly segment of the city that took place on Mar. 17,1974, as an independent candidate backed by Anna DMK and lost the polls. He later contested the Chamarajanagar seat in the 1977 LS polls on a Janata Party ticket and lost.

He thereafter contested from T. Narasipur Assembly segment on Janata Party ticket in 1978 and lost again, before he tasted first electoral success when he won from Chamarajanagar LS seat on a Congress ticket in 1980. Since then his political journey was marked by significant milestones.

After smelling victory in four successive LS polls (1980,1984, 1989 &1991), Prasad, who was denied a Congress ticket, contested as an independent candidate in the 1996 LS polls and lost to A. Siddaraju of Janata Dal.

Though he contested again on a Congress ticket in the 1998 LS polls, he lost to A. Siddaraju for the second time, due to infighting in the Congress. In 1999, Prasad won on a Janata Dal (United) ticket, which was part of the BJP led NDA following which he served as Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs in the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet and finally in 2019 on a BJP ticket from Chamarajanagar (SC) seat.

A two-time MLA, Prasad, after recording a thumping victory in 2013 Assembly polls from Nanjangud (SC) Assembly segment, served as the Revenue Minister in the first Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government from 2013 to 2016, before he was dropped from the Cabinet.

A miffed Prasad later quit his Assembly seat and the Congress. He joined the BJP in early 2017 and contested on the party ticket in the Nanjangud by-polls held in 2017 and lost to Kalale Keshavamurthy of the Congress.

He, however, did not contest the 2018 Assembly polls. Although Prasad had thought of political retirement then, his followers forced him to contest from Chamarajanagar LS seat on a BJP ticket in the 2019 polls. His gamble paid off and Prasad won against incumbent Congress MP R. Dhruvanarayan by a slender margin of 1,817 votes. But as his health began to deteriorate, Prasad announced his retirement from active politics in 2021 saying that he would never contest an election again. Prasad finally bid farewell to politics at a programme organised at Kalamandira in city on Mar.17, 2024 marking his 50 year political career.

Prasad, who was introduced to politics by revolutionary Dalit leader B. Basavalingappa, was also closely associated with many political stalwarts from across all parties such as Ramakrishna Hegde, Veerendra Patil, M.S. Gurupadaswamy among others.

Heartfelt Condolences

V. Sreenivas Prasad
MP, Chamarajanagar
Former Union & Karnataka Minister

In your resounding words, wisdom embraced the air,
A leader, a speaker, with a humble soul so rare.
Prasad uncle, your memory forever shall stay,
An orator, a visionary, who lit our way.

Om Shanti
Ikram Siddiqui and Family

Lions District 317G elects new leaders

Mysuru, Apr. 29- Lion N. Subramanya was elected as the District Governor for the year 2024-25, at the recently concluded Annual District Convention of Lions International District 317G at KSOU auditorium in city.

Lion K.L. Rajashekara was chosen as First Vice District Governor while Lion S. Mathideva Kumar as Second Vice District Governor and Past District Governor Lion K. Devegowda was endorsed from the District to the position of International Director. District Governor Lion Dr. N. Krishnegowda presided.

On the occasion, Lion N. Subramanya launched the Logo and Theme for the year 2024-25 'Quality Meets Excellence.'

Designated Cabinet officers for 2024-25: Cabinet Advisor PDG Lion K. Devegowda, District Cabinet Secretary Lion C.D. Krishna, District Cabinet Treasurer Lion K.N. Punith Kumar, Ambassador Lion V. Harsha, Honorary Committee Chairperson PDG Lion M.V. Deviprasad, GAT & Grant Advisor Lion G.A. Ramesh, District Cabinet Presentation Advisor PDG Lion M.N. Jai Prakash and Quest Advisor PDG Lion Dr. D. Prabhamandal.

Secretariat Officers: P. Ramesh, Dr. S. Basavegowda, M. Siddegowda, M. Ramesh, D. Suresha, M.N. Chandrashekar, B.R. Chandrashekar, M.R. Manju, G.S. Mahadevaprasad, P. Nanjudaswamy, M.R. Dharmaraj, D.G. Rajesh, K.B. Bhaskar, J. Lokesh, Y.T. Mahesh, P. Umashankar, M.V. Nandeesh, S. Naveen, V.K. Jagadeesh, Sumitra Murthy, Jayakumar, R. Bhaskar, Anand, N.R. Mahadev, S. Murthy and Dr. Nagesh.

Global Action Team Coordinators: T.H. Venkatesh, K.S. Sunilkumar, V. Venkatesh, Hanumanthaiah, Prathima Ramesh & Marketing Head L.V. Srinivasa.

Region Chairpersons: V.C. Ravikumar, K.B. Bhaskaranand, B.L. Girish, K.R. Prakash, B.Y.R. Prasanna, Shivaramu, N. Umesh, S.P. Adarsha & T. Sridhar.

Zone Chairpersons: K. Ravi, Jayakumara, H.C. Kantharaju, Dr. R.C. Mythrey, U.B. Udaykumar, Prashanth, B.J. Manu, V. Gurudatt, S. Vasuki, Smitha Devaiah, V.T. Chandrashekar, M.R. Vasu, Anthony Raj, N.P. Ramesh, J.J. Ningaraju, Devarase Gowda, Suresh Halagur, Kemparaju, C. Anantha Kumar & Revanna.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator R.D. Kumar, PST Forum Chairperson T. Narayanaswamy, DC LEO A. Kantharaju, Quest Coordinator N. Ravikumar & DC Statistics Nagesh Murthy.

Installation Ceremony of Spoorthi-Ladies Wing of BAI Mysore Centre

Mysuru, Apr. 29- The installation ceremony of the new team of Spoorthi - The Ladies Wing of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for the year 2024-25 was held on Apr. 13 at a function held at Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar here.

Dr. Shobha Rani, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), who was the chief guest and Installing Officer, installed the incoming President Ramadevi Srikanth and her team.

A.S. Yoganarasimha, Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre, who was the guest of honour, administered the oath of office.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramadevi emphasised the need to address the issues related to construction industry and announced this year's theme "Working Together Works" which was released by the chief guest Dr. Shobha Rani.

The new team of Spoorthi - The Ladies Wing of BAI Mysore Centre with the guests. SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Jahnavi Dinesh, Hon. Secretary 2024-25; Ramadevi Srikanth, President 2024-25; Chief guest & Installing Officer Dr. Shobha Rani, PDO; Guest of honour A.S. Yoganarasimha, Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre and Immediate Past President Rekha Yoganarasimha;*** STANDING FROM LEFT: ***Geethika Darera, EC Member, Rekha Prakash, EC Member, Reena Praveen Pal, EC Member & Past President, Lalitha Mohan, EC Member, Shanthi Bharadwaj, Hon. Treasurer 2024-25, Kavitha Gururaj, Vice-President 2024-25 and Roopashree Sheshadri, EC Member.***

The new office-bearers of Spoorthi for the year 2024-2025 are as follows: President - Ramadevi Srikanth; Immediate Past President - Rekha Yoganarashima; Vice-President - Kavitha Gururaj; Hon. Secretary - Jahnavi Dinesh; Hon. Treasurer - Shanthi Bharadwaj.

Executive Committee Members: Reena Praveen Pal (PP), Geethika Darera, Lalitha Mohan, Rekha Prakash, Roopashree Sheshadri.

Shwetha Dinesh rendered the invocation. Outgoing President Rekha Yoganarasimha welcomed. Outgoing Hon. Secretary Shanthi C. Bhardwaj presented the annual report for 2023-24. Outgoing Hon. Treasurer Ramya Lokesh handed over the accounts of the year 2023-24 to incoming Hon. Treasurer Shanthi Bharadwaj. Jahnavi Dinesh, Hon. Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. Sandhya Dinesh compered.

Women entrepreneurs share key to success

Mysuru, Apr. 29- Rachana Mahesh, Founder, Edukare ITES & Womencan Trust, Mysuru, delved into the qualities to be acquired to be an entrepreneur.

She was speaking during an interaction programme on 'Entrepreneurship Opportunities & Challenges', organised by the Department of Business Administration and IQAC in association with Women In Small Enterprise (WISE), a women wing of Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) at SBRR Mahajana First Grade College in the city recently.

Rachana elaborated on steps to be taken in order to run a successful business & also touched upon the importance of having a strong mindset while venturing into entrepreneurial space.

Varshitha Rukmangada, Managing Director, Hotel Kalyani, Mysuru and alumnus of the college, touched upon the importance of being dedicated and focused on goals by narrating her successful story in the hospitality industry. She highlighted the significance of facing adversities while working and explained about the rising position of women in industries all around the world, including the most challenging workplaces.

This was followed by a brief interaction session, where both the speakers answered various queries on entrepreneurship from the audience.

Sanjana Shakhapur, a student of second year BBA, welcomed and introduced the guests.

In all, 98 students were present on the occasion.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary of Mahajana Education Society, Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous), Dr. Shyla, HoD, Business Administration, were present on the occasion.

Highway Mango Mandi sees sharp decline in carts this year

Hunsur, Apr. 29 (RH&BCT)- Disheartening both farmers and mango aficionados alike, mango production has seen a decline attributed to unfavourable weather conditions.

This year, the flowering of mango trees was delayed, dashing the hopes of farmers who anticipated an average yield. However, the onset of extreme heat thwarted their expectations.

Mysuru typically serves as a bustling hub for mango trade during the summer months. Yet, this year has seen a noticeable downturn in business activity.

While there is still some trade activity within the city during the early morning and evening hours, mango vendors along the Highway Mandi at Nagawala in Yelwal hobli lining the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway are grappling with challenges in procuring and marketing their produce.

Typically, mango trees undergo the flowering process in December-January, but this season witnessed a mere 10-15 percent flowering. Although there was a promising resurgence of flowering by February, the onset of fruit setting was disrupted as flowers began to drop due to the scorching heat.

Unlike every year, mango farmers from Nagawala and its neighbouring villages find themselves in an unusual predicament along the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway due to a shortage in production. Typically, Highway is bustling with activity, with mango carts lining both sides of the four-lane road at intervals of just 10 metres. However, this year tells a different story. Instead of the usual hustle and bustle, there are scarcely a couple of carts selling mangoes, presenting a stark contrast to the norm.

Mahadeva has faithfully served as a mango vendor for nearly two decades at Nagawala, carrying on the tradition set by his father, who was also a seasoned businessman.

"Traditionally, this thoroughfare would host between 30 to 40 carts laden with mangoes and an array of other fruits each year. However, the current season paints a starkly different picture as only a handful of carts stand waiting for customers amidst hot weather," he said.

Typically, the vendors would carry out their trade by crafting impressive fruit towers, a spectacle to entice customers. Yet, faced with a scarcity of produce, they've resorted to presenting their fruits on trays. However, this adaptation comes at a cost, with the procurement of just two trays demanding a hefty sum of around Rs. 2,000.

"Due to extreme heat conditions, the fruits get spoilt quickly and we can't keep them for more than two days. We are forced to offer approximately two trays of fruits, weighing around 40 kgs to cows as daily fodder," Mahadeva said.

Facing mounting losses, they take a pragmatic approach to avoid deceiving their customers by redirecting any spoiled fruits to cows. Meanwhile, Mahadeva's sons, Raghu and Ravi, seize the opportunity during their summer vacation to lend a hand. With their endearing charm and persuasive banter, they entice customers to buy the fruits. From dawn till dusk, they tirelessly engage in the art of selling, carrying on the family legacy.

Heritage Ramanavami Music Fest: A befitting finale

The grand finale of the 108th Heritage Sri Ramanavami Music Festival at Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira marked a packed audience for the sheer musical experience. It was indeed a befitting celebratory concert. Indeed a wonderful musical experience by none other than **Vidushis Ranjani and Gayathri.**

RaGa Sisters — Vidushis Ranjani and Gayathri — performing at Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on Narayana Shastry Road in city on Apr. 27. They are accompanied by Vid. Vittal Rangan on violin, Vid. Delhi Sairam on mridanga and Vid. Omkar Rao on ghata.

The top ranking performers of Karnatak classical music, the sisters never cease to delight, enthrall their fans. Their exploration to discover the innermost beauty of a raga is something remarkable. Another characteristic feature of their music is the spontaneity. They push themselves to give their best. **Vid. Vittal Rangan** on violin, **Vid. Delhi Sairam** on mridanga and **Vid. Omkar Rao** on ghata respectively.

The opening 'Smaraneonde salade', a meaningful Devaranama by Purandaradasa in the raga Malayamarutha created a perfect mood. The Kalpana swaras were brisk and adept. Their next selection was 'Diwakara Tanuja,' a vaarakruthi in Yadukulakambodhi by Muthuswami Dikshitar. No need to say it was splendid.

Ranjani took up Hamsanaada for alapana. The raga was a bliss. Her creativity shone in all its splendour. As expected, 'Bantureethi' of Tyagaraja, with its fantastic neraval at 'Ramanamamanevarakhadgameevi', and a rigorous Kalpana swaras by all the three artistes was highly energetic and baffling. Vittal Rangan too employed his bow to create a melodious raga bhava. Next was Gayathri's turn to create magic from a vakra raga like Reethigowla. Violin too was impeccable. Tyagaraja's 'Nannuvidachi' was so emotive that encapsulated bhakthi and bhava in the minds of the listeners.

The rapid 'Tattvamerugatharama Rama' in Garudadhwani was just the opposite of the previous kriti. The sisters are so adept in changing the moods! Main item of the day was a grand Raga Thana and Pallavi in Vasantha Bhairavi. Ranjani gave a perfect start to the raga with her imaginative phrases. Gayathri , with her intense singing took it altogether for a different level. Taana was exemplary with foot tapping rhythms. 'Nee dayaradaKalyana Ramalnavamshatilakavegame' , the Pallavi was set to Tisra Ata taala. What followed was a cascade of Kalpana swaras in different nade. Especially the Tisranade was incredible.

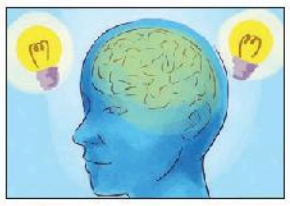
They recreated a holistic experience of pure music. Their spontaneity is remarkable. Gaytri's prowess in 'Grahabedha' is quite famous. She started with Jog and went on to Brindavani. From there, she jumped on to Varamu in arohana and Hindola in avarohana, a new combination that she named rightly as 'Varaahi'. So brilliant ! This proves that the sisters not only are conservators , but also innovators of classical music . The energetic percussion duo Delhi Sairam and Omkar Rao enthralled the rasikas with their lively taniavartana. Purandaradasa'sUgabhoga 'Kava daivavuneene' followed by a Devaranamaa 'Rama Mantravajapiso' was very calm.

They always have demand for Marathi Abhangs. 'Tujhe naamamaajha' pleased the audience. The curtains came down with the right selection 'Maamava Pattabhirama with devotion. This concert will remain in rasikas minds for a long time.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

WORD OF THE DAY

Ken



Pronunciation: KEN (Noun)
Meaning: Ken refers to someone's range of perception, knowledge, or understanding, and is most often used in phrases like "beyond/outside/within one's ken."
Origin: Need a word that can encompass all that one perceives, understands, or knows? It's just ken. Of course, whether someone is a president, writer, physicist, diplomat, journalist, or even a stereotypical Barbie, everyone has their own personal ken. So when someone says something is "beyond" it, they're not admitting to being a gosling, only that the topic or question at hand is beyond their particular range of knowledge or expertise. Ken appeared on the English horizon in the 16th century referring to the distance bounding the range of ordinary vision at sea (about 20 miles), and would thus have been familiar to skippers in particular. Its meaning soon broadened, however, to mean "range of vision" or "sight" on land or sea. Today ken rarely suggests literal sight, but rather the extent of what one can metaphorically "see." And that, as they say, is enough.
Example: "... I'm still pretty much an amateur when it comes to gardening. Creating showy displays of florals along a pathway or verdant plots of perennials in shady backyard nooks—well, much of that is still beyond my ken. I don't know my spurges from my woodruffs." — Larry Cornies, The London (Ontario) Free Press, 3 June 2023

THE ODD WORD

Jentacular

Pertaining to breakfast.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Have the time of your life

Meaning: The phrase 'Have the time of your life' means to enjoy yourself very much.
Origin: No one knows for sure what the origin of the phrase 'Having the time of your life' is. This interesting phrase is derived from an even older one, 'Having a good time,' which Sir Walter Scott introduced in his novel Rob Roy, which was written in 1817.
Example: "He had the time of his life working on the ranch."

QUOTE BOX

When we are in love we seem to ourselves quite different from what we were before. **—Blaise Pascal**

RIDDLE THIS

What can be touched but can't be seen?

Answer: Someone's heart.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Take chances
5 High: prefix
9 Moral offence
12 Famous cookie
13 Genuine
14 Milk producer
15 Having digits on foot
16 Very large numbers
18 Deep blue colour or dye
20 State dissolved in 1991
21 Operatic airs
23 Peruvian carrot
26 Stocks-and-share experts?
29 Seeing or looking at?
30 Pet name for Louis?
31 Boy's name - "El ICC" anagram ?
33 At ___ : in a state of agreement?
34 Surpass; get the better of
36 Huge
38 To give up
39 Not be green any more
40 Double reed
42 Imperative; pressing
46 Mbappe's metier?
49 Employer or consumer
50 Inst. Flying Regulations
51 Rooms within harems
52 Tardy, not in time
53 Text to speech, acronym
54 An old harp-like instrument
55 Safety wire in an electrical circuit

DOWN
1 Manoj Kumar's ___ Kapada Aur Makaan
2 It should be struck when hot?
3 Flowering plants grow from it
4 North Pacific island - "oak kid" anagram
5 Large wardrobe
6 Hawaiian garland
7 Anklebone - "a slut" broke?
8 Complaints, problems or maladies?
9 Stinging arachnid
10 Electrically charged atom
11 National Weather Serv.
17 English exclamation (1,3)
19 Domenikos Theotocopoulos; El ...
22 American Standard for Inf. Exchg.
24 Public houses accommodating travellers
25 Curved moulding
26 Political alliance
27 Dissolute man
28 Alfresco
29 Man's name
32 Whim
35 Money owed
37 Overwhelm, flow over
39 All set
41 Ancient Greek coin
43 Jacob's brother
44 Devices for fishing
45 Tall plant
46 In good shape
47 Frequently
48 Household god

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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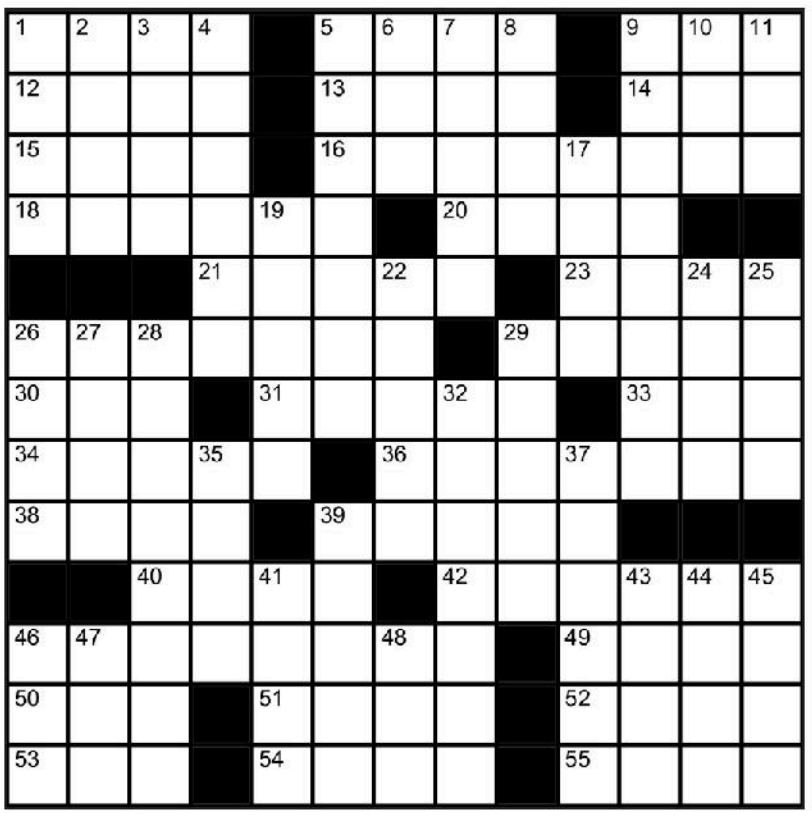

SUDOKU

	5						6	
		7	1		4	9		
4			5		3			1
	8		4		9		1	
	3		2		7		9	
5			9		8			6
		3	6		1	4		
	2						8	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	5	1	3	9	4	6	8
8	1	6	2	7	4	3	5	9
3	4	9	5	8	6	2	1	7
1	8	3	9	4	2	6	7	5
4	6	7	3	5	8	1	9	2
9	5	2	6	1	7	8	3	4
6	2	4	7	9	1	5	8	3
7	3	8	4	6	5	9	2	1
5	9	1	8	2	3	7	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UH'ZH GIX MIX WQYB UOSG DQE BOXN

- SGHR'ZH IWW FEDUA QL.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Music can change the world because it can change people.

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Ghillie (Ta)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10.05 pm
Ithyadi (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am
O2 (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Dasavarenya Sri Vijayadasaru (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm
Pavi Caretaker (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Rathnam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
Yuva (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Ruslaan (H)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Ghostbusters Frozen Empire (E)	(S-4)	4.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.50 pm

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Rathnam (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Matinee (K)	:	1.30 pm
Yuva (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Maaranaayudham (Te)	:	4.30 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	7.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Yuva (K)	:	10.10 am, 3 pm
Rathnam (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 1.35 pm, 3.25 pm, 6.15 pm, 10 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 4.35 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (H)	:	9.45 pm
Maidaan (H)	:	11.15 am
Aavesham (Ma)	:	12.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Ruslaan (H)	:	12.05 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.15 pm
Challengers (E)	:	1.50 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Crew (H)	:	4.05 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	7.35 pm
Suga: Agust D Tour D-Day (Korean)	:	7.40 pm
Pavi Caretaker (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.25 am
Athma (K)	:	12 noon
Yuva (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.15 pm, 9 pm
Rathnam (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15, 10.30 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	1.15 pm, 3.55, 6.35 pm, 9.15 pm
Ruslaan (H)	:	2.40 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	3.35 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	5.40 pm, 9.30 pm

TRIVIDHA 2K24: Management, Technology & Cultural Fest held

Mysuru, Apr. 29- Trinity College, Vijayanagar in city, had organised 'TRIVIDHA 2K24 - A State Level Management, Technology and Cultural Fest at North Avenue recently.

The inauguration of the event was graced by *Padma Shri* Shekhar Naik, former Captain of Indian Blind Cricket Team, as the guest of honour and Achutha B. Krishnamurthy, Founder of Unilog Solutions, as the chief guest of the event.

It was a unique blend of UTKARSH (Business), NAVSRUJAN (Technical), PRAHARATHI (Sportsmanship) and ANUKRITHI (cultural) streams. Around 21 colleges from across the State took part in various streams of the fest.

The fest culminated in a ramp walk featuring students from various colleges, showcasing their style and grace.

A mesmerising musical performance by 'Mysore Express Band' entertained the audience with their soulful tunes.

The festivities continued well into the night with DJ Nikhil Bharadwaj spinning tracks that kept the crowd on their feet.

The winners of all streams were awarded with mementos, cash prize and vouchers.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 29)

- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara, Hanumanthothsava - Procession in Raja beedhi, Nadaswara Vidwan Parthasarathy & Team, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarathi & Prasada Viniyoga, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **8 pm.**
- **Nandu Associates, Mysuru and Nrityagiri Performing Arts & Research Centre, Mysuru:** Bhava Spoorthi - 23rd year Punyasmarane, Sugama Sangeetha by Shubha Raghavendra and R. Tanushree of Zee SaReGaMAPA fame, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 30)

- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara, Shayanothsava, Cultural Programme by Vidu. Deepa Raghunandan, accompanied by Divyashree on violin, Dr. Prahalad Rao on mridanga and Raghunandan on ghata [Sponsors: Late B.J. Subramanya & Sons and Padma Ananth and well-wishers], Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Rathnam (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 5.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.30 am
Ruslaan (H)	:	11.45 am, 2.45 pm, 9 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	12.10 pm, 3.45 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Yuva (K)	:	12.30 pm, 2.45 pm, 6 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	2.45 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Rathnam (Te)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	10.20 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	11 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Ruslaan (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.10 pm
O2 (2024) (K)	:	1.15 pm
Athma (K)	:	2.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	3.15 pm
Maidaan (H)	:	3.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	5.05 pm
Pavi Caretaker (Ma)	:	5.45 pm
Yuva (K)	:	9 pm
Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (H)	:	9.10 pm

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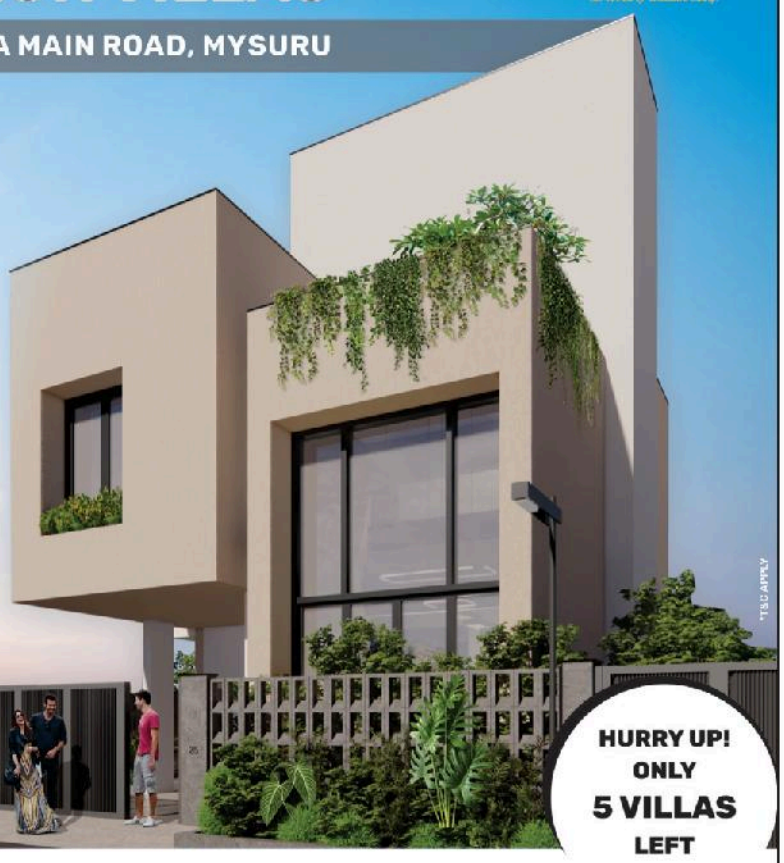

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